

## BACK FOR WESTERLY VISIT

Edward Doyle, of Chelsea, Mass., Notes Changes After Nearly 60 Years—Will Call Upon Norwich Acquaintances—Stone Mill 100 Years Old—Attempted Hold-up at Ashaway—Watch Hill Fire District Meeting.

Edward Doyle, of Chelsea, Mass., who, with his parents came to Westerly in 1858, is here on a brief visit and calling on the very few with whom he was acquainted nearly sixty years ago. Among them is Frank Underwood, who recently retired from the newspaper business in Quincy, Ill., and returned to Westerly. Two months after Mr. Doyle came to Westerly he was employed with his father near the North quarry. On returning to their home in Westerly, and while walking on the railroad track, both were injured in a railroad accident. The father in getting out of the way of an approaching locomotive, stumbled against the rail and fell. His knee cap was broken by contact with a surveyor's stub and he was lame the balance of his life. Edward was struck a glancing blow in the back and thrown into a swamp, but escaped serious injury.

From Westerly the Doyle family went to Norwich, to Quincy and Uxbridge and located in Chelsea, Mass., in 1865, and Edward Doyle and family have remained there ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle have reared a family of six, four girls and two boys and each has been given a college education. Mr. Doyle learned the stone cutters' trade in Quincy, Mass., and was selected as foreman. When the stone yard was instituted at the penal institution on Deer Island, Mr. Doyle was engaged to take direct charge and there he remained for 25 years and gradually increased the value of the stone department until it became one of the best paying in the state institution. Mr. Doyle said it was an uphill job and that he had obstacles to overcome that do not prevail outside of penal institutions. He says that the prisoners give well of their strength in handling stone, but that they will not give their intelligence, and that intelligence is required even in cutting paving blocks. Then, through politics, he had to contend with incompetent assistant foremen, which caused him more trouble than did the large body of prisoners. In addition to other work accomplished during his administration was the cutting of 125 miles of curbing for the city of Boston.

Mr. Doyle is in his seventy-seventh year, but as active as the average man at fifty. He attributes his good health to total abstinence from strong drink and the constitution inherited from healthy parents.

Mr. Doyle worked for a time for Oliver C. Buddington of Norwich and will call and see the son of his old employer before returning to Chelsea. Mr. Doyle recalled that at that time his pay was \$8 a month and paid in eggs, fowl and produce. The elder Buddington subsequently established

a coach line between Westerly and Ashaway and in passing through Potter Hill it was his custom to sing the Star Spangled Banner and to add, "but no dummies need apply."

The old stone mill in Main street, part of the plant of the Westerly Textile company, was built in 1814 and is as well adapted for manufacturing purposes today as when first utilized a century ago. In those days the mill depended upon water as the motive power and the bell was used instead of the steam whistle to summon the employees and to announce the official quitting time. This same bell that was rung in the early morning at noon and late in the day, when hours of labor were not regulated as they are at present, is still in its original position and has been still for about fifty years. President Frederick W. Fowler, of the Textile company, is planning to have that old bell tolled on next Labor day in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the bell and building. It is expected that the bell will be struck one hundred times, once for each year of its installation.

G. Andrew Moriarty, Jr., of the Sheffield house, Newport, interested in historical research for the New England Historic and Genealogical society, was in Westerly, Monday. His special visit was with reference to records of the Sabbatarian Baptist church of Newport, which are in the records of the Pawcatuck Seventh-day Baptist church of Westerly. Mr. Moriarty devotes much time in this kind of work for his own satisfaction and for the benefit of the general public.

The special committee of the Westerly town council, appointed to investigate the alleged damage to property of Mrs. Susan Vose in connection with the change of grade in Railroad avenue, having reported inability to reach an agreement with Mrs. Vose, as to amount of damage, so reported to the town council, together with the amount that the committee considers to be a reasonable compensation. The council, in secret session, decided to give Mrs. Vose an opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the council to be held August 3rd.

The holdups in Bradford have been contagious and have now spread to Ashaway. Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Chester, of Lower Pawcatuck, started for a walk to the Hull farm in Ashaway. They passed through a wooded section and just as they emerged into a clearing, when about half a mile from the village, they were accosted by three rough looking men who were partially intoxicated. One of the men demanded Mr. Chester's watch and money, but made no display of deadly weapon or made any show of immediate assault. Mrs. Chester became frightened and ran to the Kenyon farm.

Mr. Chester parleyed with the drunken trio and kept walking towards the Kenyon farm. As the farmhouse was near, two of the fellows dropped back, but the other persistently demanded the watch and money. Mrs. Chester admitted Mr. Chester to the house and the door was locked against the would-be highwayman. He was ordered from the premises under threat of arrest and finally disappeared.

In the meantime Harry Bolles happened along in his automobile and Mr. Chester related the story of the hold-up and of his wife's fear to make the return trip alone. Mr. Bolles complied with their request to send a conveyance for them and soon thereafter returned home with horse and carriage. Mr. Chester said he was self-controlled during the incident, but that Mrs. Chester was thoroughly frightened. Mr. Chester gave a good description of the trio to the constable at Ashaway.

At the annual meeting of the Watch Hill Fire district, held Monday at the Flinton house, the officers were re-elected and John Frank Champlin was elected on the park commission for a term of five years. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$1,731.52. The expenses for the year were \$8,250.68 and the receipts \$10,072.21. An appropriation of \$500 was made for the upkeep of the district.

It was voted to purchase a motor-driven fire apparatus at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Walter Nash, Edmund York and Davis Anderson were appointed a committee to purchase the apparatus.

The harbor committee reported that instead of thirty rocks being removed, as originally planned, 130 had been removed, and within the appropriation.

Town Solicitor Harry P. Agard, representing the town of Westerly, spoke of the necessity of public toilets at Watch Hill and suggested the appointment of a committee to confer and act with a committee of the Westerly town council. Horace Burdick said that the only available site on the property of the fire district was in the rear of the Maxson apartment. Several sites were suggested and Mr. Agard said that any site would be acceptable to the town of Westerly and that there was demand for public toilets. George A. Pope, Park Painter and Daniel Larkin were appointed as the conference committee.

Local Laconics. Richard Smith of Pleasant View has named his cottage the Bonna Dhu. Miss Margaret Buffum is visiting Miss Dorothy Peck of Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Dr. Joseph Higgins, of Manchester, Conn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Higgins in West Broad street.

Miss Irene Lake of Boston, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Chester, of Lower Pawcatuck, returned home on Monday.

The committee on Stonington battle memorial observance has received favorable responses from all churches in the town, including St. Michael's, Pawcatuck, requesting that patriotic sermons be delivered on Sunday, August 2.

Associate Justice Horace Harmon Luston, who died suddenly, Sunday, at Atlantic City, of heart failure superinduced by cardiac asthma, spent last summer at Watch Hill, occupying the Maxson cottage in Sunset avenue.

William H. Holmes, superintendent of schools at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who formerly was of Westerly, arrived here Saturday and left Monday with Mrs. Holmes and their son for Pamaquash beach, Maine, where they will spend the vacation period.

Miss Florence Ellis of Westerly has been added to the office force of the American Thermos company at Norwich. Miss Ellis has just completed a course in stenography at the Norwich Commercial school and has won several special certificates from typewriter firms.

Plainville.—A large number of Methodists will attend the Plainville camp meeting Chautauqua assembly, July 13 to 21.



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Daughters of the Late Daniel Greene Come from Ohio for a Visit—Horses Ill-Treated.

Mrs. Ellen Brown and Mrs. H. Jee Williams of Ohio are visiting relatives here. They are daughters of the late Daniel Greene of Ohio, who spent his boyhood on the old Greene farm at Flat Rock. It is Mrs. Brown's first visit east. They visited relatives in Williamstown and Charlton, Mass., before coming here and have since taken a trip to Norwich to visit Mrs. Dorah Greene McDougall, an automobile trip to Ekong, through Flat Rock to visit the boyhood home of their father, and carrying drives to other points of interest. They have visited their aunt, Mrs. L. B. Greene, their cousins, Miss Ellen B. Lynch, Frank B. and Miss Carrie Greene, Turner E. Greene and family, Mrs. W. P. Babcock, Miss Sarah Spalding and Mrs. Ruth E. B. Devolve, and on their way home will visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Sunday was an intensely hot day here.

Guests from Boston. Elbert R. H. Gardiner of Roster, who has been spending a week at Ekong with his grandmother, Mrs. F. Colburn, was a caller at William H. Devolve's Saturday and Sunday. His sister, Miss Ella Gardiner, also visited at Ekong over Saturday night. He returned to Boston Sunday night.

There was a great ball game on the Plainfield grounds Saturday afternoon. Sunday the Plainfield club defeated the Taftville boys.

Cases for Humane Society. Several terribly lame horses are being driven and ridden on the streets in a cruel manner. Some small boys

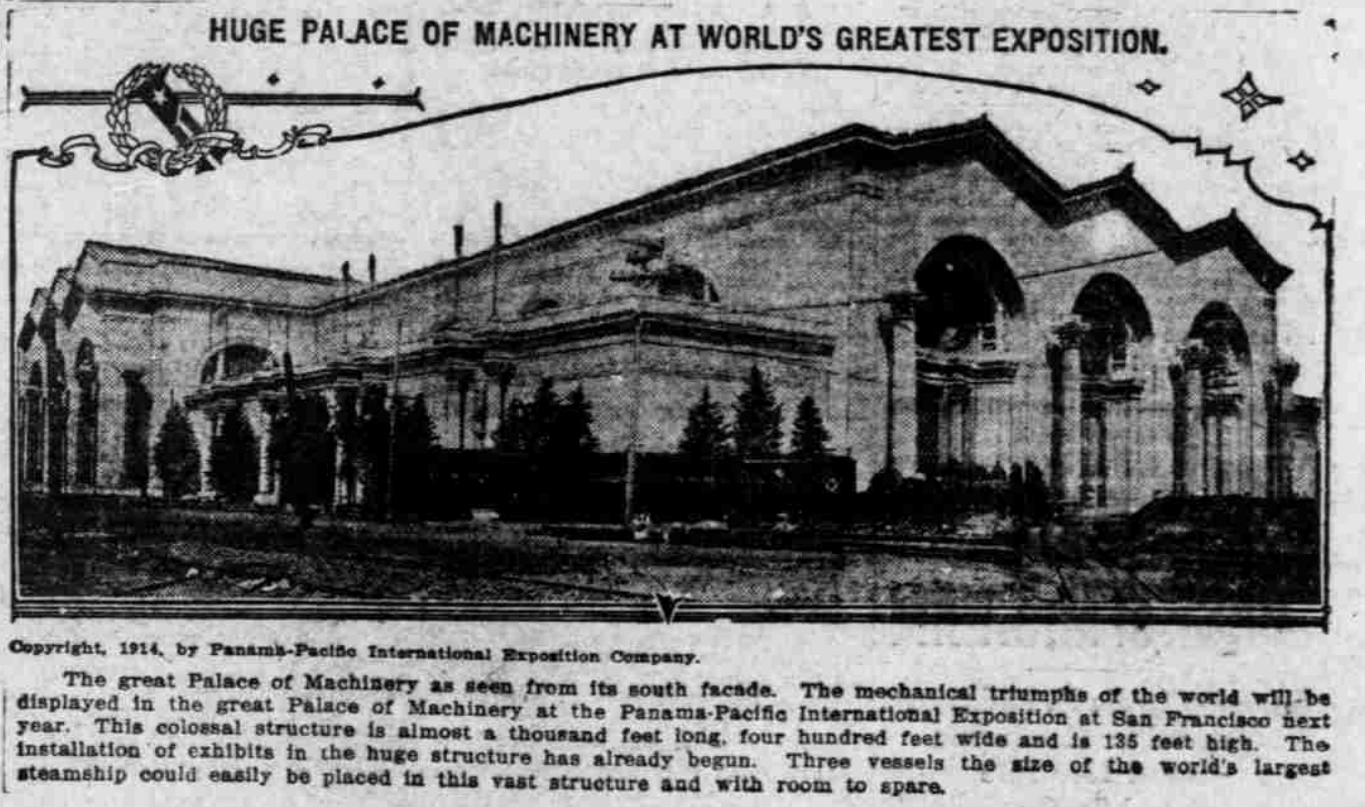
rode a horse so lame it could scarcely step, through Academy and Plainfield and a part of Main street Saturday.

Invasion of Woodchucks. All of the local woodchucks are entertaining out of town relatives, to whom they are serving bean dinners garnished with lettuce, etc.

Is Their Master. The Democrats in Congress have agreed to carry out the Wilson business-harrying program, and there will be no adjournment until his sweet will is worked out. To ahead with the business interests of the country that a begging to be let alone.—Los Angeles Times.

Patriots in Congress. The president's idea of a twentieth-century patriot is a man who will stay in Washington, like himself, to secure the enactment of a code of anti-trust legislation against which the business men of the nation are rebelling. And they have troubles enough now.—Boston Herald.

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